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Docket No.: SCEI 3.0-082  
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of: :  
Tanaka et al. :  
Application No.: 09/938,446 : Group Art Unit: 3714  
Filed: August 24, 2001 : Examiner: C. B. Coburn  
For: INFORMATION PROCESSING SYSTEM :  
COMPRISING A PLURALITY OF :  
OPERATION TERMINAL DEVICES AND :  
AN INFORMATION PROCESSING DEVICE :  
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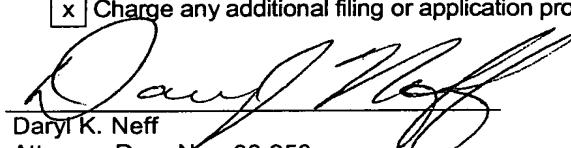
**AMENDMENT FILED WITH RCE UNDER 37 CFR 1.114**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 14, 2004, finally rejecting claims 1-24 and 31-47, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:



AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER				After Final Rejection	
Application No. 09/938,446	Filing Date August 24, 2001	Examiner C. B. Coburn		Group Art Unit 3714	
Applicant(s): Makoto Tanaka, Toru Akazawa, and Rajesh Kumar Dixit				Docket No. SCEI 3.0-082	
Invention: INFORMATION PROCESSING SYSTEM COMPRISING A PLURALITY OF OPERATION TERMINALDEVICES AND AN INFORMATION PROCESSING DEVICE					
<b>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS</b>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>					
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate	
Total Claims	31	- 41 =		x	
Independent Claims	8	- 13 =		x	
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